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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed August 18, 2005, under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner states that the correct assignee's name is Alliant Techsystems Inc. and that an incorrect assignee's name, which included a comma between Techsystems and Inc., was included on the Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal form at the time of payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, petitioner requests that a Certificate of Correction be issued with the proper name of the assignee.

A review of Office database assignment records reflects that the assignment recorded on August 8, 2005 was between Kenneth Ceola and Alliant Techsystems, Inc. On both the Recordation Form Cover Sheet and the actual Assignment, there is a comma between Techsystems and Inc.

Petitioner may wish to submit a corrected assignment as detailed in MPEP 323. However, since 37 CFR 3.81(b) requires that the assignment be recorded *before issuance of the patent*, issuance of a certificate of correction would not be proper.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206.

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¹ See MPEP 1309, subsection II and Official Gazette of June 22, 2004